

NSC BRIEFING

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MAO'S SECRET SPEECH

- I. On Feb 27 and Mar 12 Mao Tse-tung made secret speeches dealing mainly with "contradictions" between people and leadership. Chinese Communist press has given Mao's main points.
 - A. He made distinction between two types of contradictions.
 1. "Antagonistic contradictions"--between people and "enemy"--had been largely overcome in China since the class struggle was over "in the main".
 2. "Nonantagonistic contradictions"--these continue in socialist society and call for peaceful methods of resolution.
 - B. Mao stressed need for avoiding force, said violence "would not now be tolerated by the people."
 - C. Fault ^{for} nonantagonistic contradictions lay in "commandism" and bureaucratic behaviour of Communist leaders.
- II. Mao reaffirmed directive to "let all flowers bloom".
 - A. His speeches have sparked revival of liberalization theme in China calling for freer debate.
- III. He also reportedly dealt with foreign policy matters.
 - A. He discounted possibility of third world war.

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